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IDEAS.

'Tis Heaven alone that is given away.—Lowell.

How is your wood pile? Don't wait till winter to find out.

God never left a human soul out of his love and providence.

If you want to learn how to mind your own business read the Epistles of Paul.

If you are a scoffer at religion you are in the same column with Mary Goldman and Czolgosz.

TAKE NOTICE.

At the Chapel next Sunday morning Dr. Burgess will preach his first sermon of the series "THE TRUE CHURCH" First, "ITS PLANTING" In the evening the subject will be "WHAT IS THIS WORLD COMING TO?"

FROM THE WIDE WORLD.

Extraordinary precautions are being taken to protect the person of the Czar on the occasion of his visit to France.

King Edward VII, of Great Britain has ordered the English Court to wear emblems of mourning in honor of President McKinley.

President Loubet of France sent a special message of condolence and sympathy to Mrs. McKinley upon learning of the death of the President.

The Kaiser of Germany has ordered that the Navy, all Imperial Palaces and Government buildings fly their flags at half-mast as a mark of respect to the memory of President McKinley.

IN OUR OWN COUNTRY.

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Leon Czolgosz, the assassin of President McKinley, will be tried before the regular term of the New York Supreme Court, Gov. Odell having declined to call a special session.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Officials discovered Sunday night that an attempt was being made to wreck the late President's funeral train near Iechua, N. Y. A number of men were seen tampering with the rails and placing obstructions on the track.

Vice President Roosevelt arrived in Buffalo, Saturday, 1:30 p.m. and after paying a visit of respect to Mrs. McKinley, was escorted to the residence of Ansley Wilcox and sworn in as President of the United States, by Judge Hazel of the U. S. District Court.

Major Sylier, Chief of Police of Washington, proposes as means to check anarchists, the establishment of a Federal Bureau of Identification to be in touch with the Police service of the different states and cities to watch anarchists and other dangerous criminals.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.

All State, National and County offices are closed today in memory of the Martyred President.

Fully 10,000 Negroes, held a memorial meeting in Lexington Saturday night in honor of President McKinley.

The L. & N. R. Co.'s, earnings for the first week of September are \$559,040, or \$71,860 more than the same week of last year.

Police Court Judge Riley, of Lexington, has established a whipping post for young boys and girls who roam the streets at night.

There is much uneasiness in Madisonville, because of the threats of striking miners, to use force to keep non-union men from working.

A pot of Spanish silver dollars were unearthed on Charles Corbitt's farm, in Hardin county. The money was coined more than a century ago.

The Law School, in connection with Central University of Danville, will open October second. Prospects for a good attendance are very flattering.

Gov. Beckham commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of Holly Strutton, who was to have been hanged at Lawrenceburg, Friday, for the murder of Newton Searcy.

"WILL."

Quarterly College Sermon by President Frost.

Text: Phil. 2. 12-13. "Wherefore * * * work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do His good pleasure."

Because I can say so little in half an hour, I wish to mention four books which will be profitable for our students. The first is "The Road to Riches", by William H. Maher; a book which, while devoted to worldly themes, illustrates many spiritual truths. The next is "Self Help" by Samuel Smiles. The third is "Plain Talks" by J. G. Holland. And the fourth, especially adapted to College students, is the essay of John Foster on "Decision of Character."

It will be expected that a sermon at the opening of the school year will be addressed not to children nor to those of middle life, but to young people. The great thing about young people is that they are passing out of the care of parents and preparing to take the management of themselves. The first uses of one's freedom are sometimes intoxicating, but when we realize the facts in the case we see clearly that liberty is not a toy, but a matter to be taken seriously.

I have here a little book older than the New Testament, containing the wisdom of Socrates, and I will read from it his parable on the choice of Hercules.

"When Hercules had ended his childhood, and was entering upon youth, the period in which young men becoming independent show whether they will choose the path toward vice or the path toward virtue,—when Hercules had reached this age he went into a quiet place and sat down to think. And presently he beheld two tall ladies, like angels, approaching him. One of these ladies was of a noble countenance, clad in white, and with an air of purity, and modesty. The other had painted cheeks, a bold glance, a low-necked dress, and was continually looking at herself and watching her shadow, and watching to see whether other people were looking at her. As they came nearer this second lady ran ahead of the other so as to get the first word with the young man.

"O Hercules," she said, "I see that you are studying as to what life-path you shall take. If you will make me your friend I will lead you in the most pleasant and easy road. You shall taste every delight and live without experience in hardships. You shall have no thought of struggles and efforts, but shall spend your time considering what you would like to eat or to drink, to see or to hear, to smell or to touch, how you can gratify your passions, and sleep in the softest bed. And I will never urge you to toil in body or mind for these pleasures, but you shall get the advantage of the toil of others, for I allow my followers to make gain in any way they can and ask questions for conscience sake."

And when Hercules heard this alluring invitation he said, "And madam may I inquire who you are and what is thy name?"

The lady replied, "My friends call me Pleasure, but those who hate me call me Vice."

At this point the other lady came up and addressed the young man.

"I have come to you, O Hercules," she said, "because I knew your parents, and had heard of your talent and training. Thinking of these I have hoped that if you make me your friend you will become a doer of noble deeds. I will not deceive you with promises of immediate pleasure, but will tell you truthfully exactly how the gods have arranged things in this world. Of all the good and glorious things on earth there is not one which the gods give to men without forethought and labor. If you wish the gods to be favorable to you you must worship the gods; if you wish to be loved by your friends you must benefit your friends; if you desire to be honored by your country you must serve your country; if you wish your fruits to be abundant you must cultivate the land; if you wish your herds to be profitable you must care for the herds; if you wish to be an athlete you must train your body to obey your mind, and exercise with toil

and sweat."

Then Vice broke in and said, "Do you see, O Hercules, how long and hard a road to happiness this woman will lead you? But I will lead you by a short and easy way."

But Virtue, the white-robed lady, said, "Alas, poor wretch, what do you know of true pleasure? Your joys are all dissipation. You stuff yourself before you are hungry, and drink before you are thirsty, and provide luxuries to tempt your wasted appetite. And when you sleep it is not the sleep of honest toil, but you sleep because you have nothing else to do. You are dishonored by gods and men. The sweetest sound you have never heard, for you have never heard your own praise. The sweetest sight you have never seen, for you have never beheld a good of your own. Your followers when young are weakly in body, and when old are weakly in mind. They have slipped through youth without work, and piled up hardship and misery and disgrace for their old age. But my friends are honored by gods and men. Plain food is sweeter to them than all your dainties. Their sleep is refreshing, and undisturbed by anxiety or an evil conscience. In youth they enjoy the commendation of their elders, and in age they have the respect of youth. They take delight in what they are doing each day, and also in remembering the goods things they have done in the past. And when the proscribed limit of life is reached they do not go down into forgetfulness, but their memory is blessed. And now I say to thee, O Hercules, thou son of good parents, it is permitted to thee, by toil and effort, to attain this summit of true happiness."

Now there is an army of young people in Berea to-day, each one of whom is called open to make the choice between the painted woman who is called Pleasure, and the white-robed guardian who is called Virtue. They need to understand, to know, the real condition of things in this world. They need to choose between the two guides and they need to have the will which will enable them to persevere in a wise choice.

And now I shall tell you a strange thing; people who do not fail because of lack of knowledge, and do not fail because they choose Vice, often fail for lack of will.

Will is the greatest quality in man. Will is the quality which has made distinguished, eminent, and useful men and women; while irresolution has been the temptation, the weakness, and the ruin of multitudes.

Will is something very different from won't. There are people who can very easily refuse to accept invitations, refuse to co-operate with their neighbors, draw themselves into a clam shell and be obstinate—but this is not the creative work of will. The true and noble exercise of will means the choice of a course of action and the persistency to do all the things that are necessary to secure continuance and success in the chosen course. Take the example of Audubon, whose drawings, gathered by long labor, were destroyed by rats. He had the will to set out on a three years' excursion and reproduce those drawings. Mr. Maher tells the story of Henry and John, employed as errand boys by the same great business firm. We cannot doubt that both those boys knew there was such a thing as promotion; we cannot doubt that they both chose, or desired to be promoted; but John chose to do all things which would help him towards that object and he had the will and resolution to keep himself ever engaged on this great purpose. He was a poor penman and there was no one to teach him, but he picked out of the waste-basket well directed envelopes and used them for copies. He mastered the multiplication table up to 35. And the time came when his employers needed him in the office. Henry meanwhile had been irresolute, ready to accept every invitation to a pleasure party or excursion, and really spending a large portion of his time and talent in training a pet dog. Henry trained his dog; John trained himself. The one had will to pursue a great purpose, the other had not. The result is that Henry is still associating with dogs, and John is a member of the firm.

Gen. Grant shone out above all the other generals of the civil war because of this power, and he will be remembered for his famous words, "I propose to fight it out on this line if it takes all summer."

So, my young friends, we must suppose that your success or failure in this world and the next will depend largely upon your being able to MANAGE YOURSELF BY WILL. Many a young person says, I could do this or that if I only chose. But my friend, that is an idle boast. The truth is, you cannot chose and stick to your choice.

Now one may read a hundred volumes on human nature (Psychology, as it is called) and find very little about the will until he gets into theology. When we read the theological authors we find they all discuss the freedom of the will—which is a useless question, for we know that we are free. But what we wish to know is this: how can people who are not born with as strong a will as General Grant's manage themselves? And to answer this question we must go back to the Bible itself.

The first way in which people whose wills are not strong can manage themselves is by establishing good habits. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." One who has good habits does not need to exert his will every moment, but he moves on doing the things which he has been accustomed to do. This is a saving of strength both for the weak and for the strong.

The second Bible plan for those of us who have weak wills is to avoid temptation. "Lead us not into temptation" is in the prayer the Saviour taught. It is not wise for a general with ten thousand troops to attack an army of one hundred thousand. And it is not wise for us to place ourselves in conditions where we know we are liable to fail. This is the principle on which we form the regulations of the College. We purpose to arrange things in Berea so that young people whose wills and character are not yet formed, and who have not had wide experience in the world, will not be tempted more than they can stand. There is temptation enough in Berea, but we intend to arrange our life here in such a way that we shall not have unnecessary temptations.

The third Bible rule for those who would strengthen their wills, is to be bold and courageous. "Whosoever shall confess me before men, I will accept," says Christ. "Believe and be baptized." Baptism is required because nobody can be baptized in secret by himself. It means a public confession. And our will is strengthened every time we say to our neighbors, "I intend to do right." A fourth way in which we can make it more certain that we shall stand by our best resolutions, is to secure good company. "Forget not the assembling of yourselves together." There is encouragement in comradeship. This is the test of friendship. I trust every one of you has friends whose very presence encourages your best resolutions. And when we meet with others who have the same high purposes that we have had in our best moments, we are reminded anew of all the great motives of virtue and religion. It is like the case of a soldier boy in the far away islands, who might forget his friends and his reputation and become a heathen in that heathen land, if it were not for the letters which he reads from home and the photograph which he gazes at by the light of the campfire.

But the last and greatest and essential plan for strengthening weak wills is through prayer. It is God that can work in us to will and to do. This divine power has taken thousands and thousands of ordinary, weak human beings and transformed them into heroes; and it can do as much for you and for me. Is it right for a Christian to be ambitious? My friends, any person who is not ambitious to be all that God intends, cannot be a Christian at all. My young friends, Berea's benediction rests upon you. In the seats where you are sitting hundreds have sat before you who have been benefited and blessed here and have gone forth with high purposes and unbending resolution. A thousand prayers and good wishes are with you this morning.

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